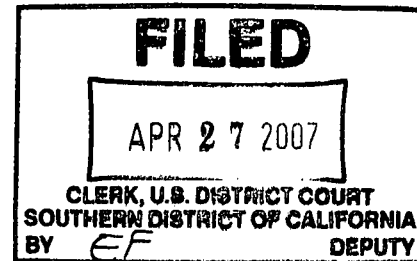


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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 (Honorable PETER C. LEWIS)

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	MAGISTRATE CASE 06mj8715-PCL
)	
)	EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR
)	AN ORDER ALLOWING
12 Plaintiff,)	INTERPRETER FEES EXCEEDING
)	\$500 BUT NOT MORE THAN
13)	\$1500 FOR THE MATERIAL
)	WITNESSES HEREIN NAMED
14 v.)	
)	
15 LOURDES VARGAS-ISLAS)	
16 ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS)	
17 ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS)	
)	
18 Material Witnesses.)	

19 I.

20 INTRODUCTION

21 I, AL SMITHSON, Attorney for material witnesses LOURDES
22 VARGAS-ISLAS, ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS, ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS, named in the
23 above entitled case, petition the Court for interpreter services in
24 an amount greater than \$500.00 but not to exceed \$1500.00 for each
25 of the above-named material witnesses.

26 This case involves multiple conferences and debriefings by the
27 AUSA assigned to the case and her investigative team of agents from
28 multiple agencies of the Department of Homeland Security. This

1 case has involved appearances before the Grand Jury and multiple
2 planned appearances before the Grand Jury in which the witnesses
3 were present for Grand Jury appearances and debriefings and
4 preparatory conferences.

5 Because of the lengthy on-going nature of the case and the
6 investigation, there have been numerous contacts, conferences, and
7 debriefings by the various agents involved in the case and
8 arrangements made for numerous trips to San Diego and El Centro.

9 There have been numerous meetings with the family and surety
10 for the three material witnesses both in arranging for their real
11 property bonds but also in arranging for their availability for
12 contacts with the case agents and the AUSA assigned to the case.

13 WHEREFORE an order granting additional interpreter services is
14 respectfully sought herewith in an amount greater than \$500.00 but
15 not to exceed \$1500.00 for each of the material witnesses LOURDES
16 VARGAS-ISLAS, ROSA ISLAS-CONTRERAS, and ROSA VARGAS-ISLAS.

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18 DATED: April 20, 2007.

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22 Material Witnesses
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